

No. 212

AN ACT

HB 1343

Amending the act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a departmental administrative commission within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," designating a committee to determine the agricultural research projects to be conducted under the funds appropriated.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 16, act of December 22, 1959 (P.L.1978), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and regulating harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on the results thereof; creating the State Harness Racing Commission as a departmental administrative commission within the Department of Agriculture and defining its powers and duties; providing for the establishment and operation of harness racing plants subject to local option; imposing taxes on revenues of such plants; disposing of all moneys received by the commission and all moneys collected from the taxes; authorizing penalties; and making appropriations," amended November 30, 1967 (P.L.643), is amended to read:

Section 16. Disposition and Appropriation of Funds Accruing under the Provisions of this Act.—* * *

(e) In the event there is in the Pennsylvania Fair Fund an excess over the amount required to make payments specified in subsection (d) above such excess shall be distributed as follows: ten percent of such excess or seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), whichever amount is greater to be used by the Department of Agriculture for marketing and consumer service programs; and fifty percent of such excess or four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), whichever amount is greater for agricultural research projects, as determined by **[the Secretary of Agriculture, from the recommendations submitted by a committee appointed by him, such] a committee to include in its membership, [the dean of the college of agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University, and the dean of the school of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania,] the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman and a minority member of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate, the chairman and a minority member of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives, six persons designated by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations, the chairman of the State Harness Racing Commission or his designate,**

one person designated by the Pennsylvania Canners and Fruit Processors Association, one person designated by the Pennsylvania Association of County Fairs and three persons designated by the Secretary of Agriculture from his staff.

There are hereby created subcommittees, the members of which shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture or his designate, the chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Senate or his designate, the chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives or his designate, and a member designated by the group representing the producers involved in the research project which shall meet annually in the month of September to evaluate research projects and report their findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the members of the committee.

In the event the amount of money in the Pennsylvania Fair Fund is less than is required to make payments specified in subsection (d) above, the amount granted to each recipient shall be reduced proportionately.

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We certify that this bill, House Bill No. 1343, Printer's No. 2824, having passed both Houses, vetoed by the Governor, was returned to the House of Representatives where the House proceeded to reconsider and again pass the bill by more than a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the House, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon notification by the House of Representatives as to their action the Senate proceeded to reconsider and again pass the bill by more than a two-thirds majority of the members elected to the Senate, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two.



President, Senate



Speaker, House of Representatives



Chief Clerk, Senate



Chief Clerk, House of Representatives